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### Thanks

- .. to staff, parents and children for contributions to parent / student / teacher interviews this week.
- .. to those who gave a little of their time on Thursday afternoon to help us to empty the hall in preparation for its refurbishment.

### People of the week

- .. Children who set some amazing learning goals this week
- .. Parents for your encouraging feedback to staff .. this has been much appreciated.
- .. Those children who took part in this week's duathlon competition .. parent supporters

### Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).  
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

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| 10 Mar    | Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School                     |
| 11 Mar    | Team Triathlon Event (more to follow)                     |
| 18-21 Mar | Year 5/6 camp at Russell                                  |
| 19 Mar    | Year 7/8 Tennis Doubles Tournament                        |
| 19 March  | Tennis doubles tournament                                 |
| 20-21 Mar | Junior marine snorkel at Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve |
| 25 Mar    | Kids Lit Quiz   |
| 29 Mar    | Representation at ANZAC Field of Remembrance              |
| 7-9 Apr   | Trikids programme   |
| 16 Apr    | 2014 Youth Summit   |
| 17 April  | Final day for term 1                                      |
| 5 May     | Commencement of term 2                                    |

### Some reminders from last week

- .. any questions in the run up to the year 5 and 6 camp to Mr Schuster please.
- .. please ensure children in support programmes complete allocated homework tasks
- .. ensure children more generally have a set time and place for assigned homework - around 3 to 4 sessions per week - each session of around 20 minutes duration.
- .. to let your child's teacher know asap if you do Not want your child to be assigned homework
- .. children are encouraged to have a drink bottle at school each day for their desk top .. water the preferred drink.
- .. to pay school contributions, event fees etc at your earliest convenience.
- .. due to the non-availability of our school pool recipients of 2014 swimming cups will be selected based on performances at the zone and interschool events
- .. if you did not manage to get along to this week's interviews teachers are highly available by appointment.

### Construction work ..

.. begins Monday on our hall and shortly after on our new classroom and pool complex. Please adhere to the transport plan below .. we will monitor to see how things go and amend if necessary. Aim is to disperse congestion over several entry points. Thank you in anticipation for your co-operation.



1. If you live on Pipiwai Road (including off-roads) please use the bottom bus bay for drop off and pick up of students or (as a less preferred option) walk your children across the road to the entrance at the side of the school hall.
2. If you live on the Matarau Road, Otakairangi Road, Rushbrook Road, Swamp Road side (including off-roads) you may continue to use the upper carpark but with caution please.
3. Please reduce speed when in the vicinity of the school and keep a keen eye out for children and vehicles.
4. If you have an appointment or business at school and need to park your car on site, it might be a good idea (where you have the option) of scheduling your appointment / business outside of the busy drop off and pick up times.



### After School Maths Labs

Maths Labs started this week. Please remember ..

- .. that attendance at both labs (both Mondays and Thursdays) is imperative
- .. that children will be expected to do 3 maths Whizz labs FOR HOMEWORK for each week of the programme
- .. to advise the office if your child will not be in attendance
- .. to send an afternoon snack to school to be eaten between 3:00 and 3:40

### A little more on the After School Labs ..

#### Have you shared this with your friends yet?

Our intention is to provide additional learning opportunities to our families at a price substantially lower than that available elsewhere (and we mean substantially). In order to do this (and to enable us to purchase additional learning resources for wider use across the school) **we are making a limited number of places available to non-Matarau students at an unsubsidised rate of around \$350 per student - for a term's instruction (2 lessons a week).** This works out at a rate of around \$15 a lesson (compared with a cost sometimes in excess of \$50 for private tuition) and this also includes a Maths Whizz subscription which, alone, would cost parents around \$400 a year. **So .. before we market the programme more widely, we thought we would give our parents the opportunity to share this programme with friends whose children do NOT attend our school and who are seeking affordable tuition (suitable for both consolidation and extension).**

Labs have been moved to 3:40 to 4:40 which is plenty of time to drive children here from Kamo (quicker than a trip to a tutor in central Whangarei). Places will be strictly limited for non-Matarau students to only 10 students per term .. starting in term 2. So .. if you have friends who are interested please ask them to give Kevin a call or request programme brochures for our upcoming maths and science labs. These programmes have very specific learning intentions, assigned homework tasks, close monitoring of progress and printed progress reports. **Will need to hear from interested parties within the next couple of weeks.**

### School Contributions / Trips and Events Fee / Spelling Books / Maths Whizz Subs

Please contact me to discuss alternative payment arrangements. You will find us accommodating and discreet.



#### Yr 7 & 8 Rockwall Climbing

If you are able to help out with transporting children to and from Kensington Stadium on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, please contact Brenda Sinclair in the office or Mr D on [sdelemare@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sdelemare@matarau.school.nz) as we are very short on transportation.

Please note: The notice sent home regarding the EOTC Programme incorrectly states Rock Climbing at Taurikura will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. This SHOULD read Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

#### Zone Swimming Sports - Kokopu School - 10 March

Consents for this event (years 4 to 8) were sent home this week. If you did not receive a consent, and you would like your child to participate in this event, please contact Mr Delemare early next week.

Parents are asked to ensure that children attending this event (selected from previous performance - and your input) bring their lunches, plenty to drink, sunhats (and sun safe clothing), sunblock, something warm to wear between races, and spending money at your discretion. Please ensure that children who travel by bus also return to school by bus - unless otherwise arranged with the attending teachers. If weather is doubtful on the morning please check our phone bulletin board for updates. (Children who qualify at the zone event will be invited to participate in the Interschool Swimming Championships - more to follow)



**If you have not yet returned consent forms (and race preferences) please get these to school on Monday.**

#### International Schools English and Maths Competitions

Consent forms for the above competitions will be sent out shortly. Please give careful thought regarding your child's participation this year. The competition is open to all comers but there is little point in participating if children are unlikely to complete a MINIMUM of 5 practice tests in the period building up to the test. Last year a significant number of children did few or no practice tests in spite of being issued with these at school and results reflected this. So .. keen to see as many children as possible on-board for these - but only if there is a commitment to do the practice tests. WILL ASK FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NEXT WEEK ... PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A FORM AND WOULD LIKE ONE.

#### Headlice

Please check weekly. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

#### Coming soon ..

.. some exciting news on the virtues front. This year .. "enjoying learning" .. watch this space.

#### Our "little things matter" person (people) this week is (are) ...

... Emma Clarke who has planted a beautiful flower garden in front of room 10 to bring colour and cheerfulness to the school.

#### Finally

This week one of Mrs Burgin's juniors commented on how nice her handwriting was. Mrs Burgin said that his handwriting too could be that nice it was simply a matter of practice. He thought for a moment and responded that by the time his handwriting got that good she would probably be dead. Let's hope not!

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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## **Community Notices**

**Northland Golf Club - First Tee Programme** - Fun introduction to golf for children .. incorporates values like honesty, integrity, sportsmanship etc Goal is to provide a positive golfing experience. Cost \$80 for 9 weeks. Limited spaces. If interested contact Bronnie on 0274 713 225 ([bronnies@golfnorthland.co.nz](mailto:bronnies@golfnorthland.co.nz)) or pick up entry forms from our school office.

**Kamo Soccer Club** is now taking registrations for the 2014 season. You can either enrol directly through our Kamo Soccer Club website/homepage, or phone Jeremy Hay on 0275833323.

**Wanted to Rent** - 3-4brm house in Kamo/3 Mile Bush Rd, Matarau, Ruatangata

**Wanted to Rent** - 4brm house in Kamo/Kensington or nearby areas. Phone Lisa 4335092.

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**Turbo Touch Afterschool Competition** - Kensington Park, Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Mar - Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Apr, Yrs 3-8, \$30.00pp or \$210 per team. For further info contact Paul Hope 021951925 or email [paul@kidsinaction.co.nz](mailto:paul@kidsinaction.co.nz)

**Free Parenting Programme** - "Sowing the Seeds" Being the parent you want to be - and loving it! Helping your child regulate their emotions, How to get your child to listen to you, Listening and Encouraging, Problem Solving, Share your experiences and get support from other parents, Thursday mornings: Starting 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014, 9.30am-12.00 noon, Jigsaw North, 25 Otaika Rd, Whangarei. To register contact Jigsaw North 4388852



# **Individual Duathlon**

Congratulations to the following winners:

Middle School Girls - Eve Finlayson &

Emilie Darroch

Middle School Boys - Bailey Moorhouse

Senior School Girls - Michelle Crawford

Senior School Boys - Angus Darroch

